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**GOV. EASLEY ANNOUNCES FORMER CHIEF SUPERIOR COURT JUDGE BILL GORE
SELECTED DMV COMMISSIONER**

RALEIGH - Gov. Mike Easley today announced former Chief Superior Court Judge William "Bill" Gore, Jr. of Whiteville has agreed to become Commissioner of the North Carolina Division of Motor Vehicles.

"After becoming one of the youngest judges elected to District Court in North Carolina, Bill Gore spent nearly three decades building a career marked by integrity, service and a commitment to justice," Easley said. "I am confident that he will continue to serve North Carolinians with the same standard of excellence in his new role as DMV Commissioner."

Gore, 55, is the former Senior Resident Superior Court Judge for Judicial District 13A which includes Bladen and Columbus counties. He served in this position from 1992 to 2007 and retired from the bench on July 31. Gore has also served as a chief District Court judge, an assistant district attorney and a private practice lawyer. He was a candidate for a North Carolina Supreme Court seat last year.

Gore received his undergraduate degree from UNC at Chapel Hill in 1974. He earned his juris doctorate cum laude from N.C. Central University School of Law in 1977.

Gore is a charter board member of the Whiteville chapters of Parents for the Advancement of Gifted Education and Communities In Schools. He is a member of the Columbus County Law Enforcement Officers Association, served on the board of directors for the Columbus County Arts Council and was chairman of the Deacon Board at Pleasant Plains Baptist Church. Gore is a recipient of the Jaycee's Distinguished Service Award, and has also been an advisory board member for the Columbus County Fair since its inception in 1980. He is married to Michele Rohde Gore and has four children.

As DMV Commissioner, Gore will oversee daily operations for the division which includes oversight of driver licenses, vehicle registration, and safety and emissions inspections. His appointment as DMV Commissioner is effective immediately.

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